

Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL)

Minutes

May 13, 2015 --- 1:00-4:00 p.m.

ICOIL Members Present – Bonnie Bomer, Peter Ciancone, Jama Gonzalez, Thomas Hayes, Dr. Al Piening, Peri Rogowski, and Erik Zagorac.

Guests Present – Becky Anderson, Dawn Downer, Greg Ganier, George Getz, Greg Harris, Greg Jinks, Melissa Madill, Jim McCormick, David Nelson, Nicole Norvell, Lisa Oliver, Beth Quarles, Jared Quarles, Shanida Sharp-Byrnes, Richard Simers, Carole Surratt-Bradley, Al Tolbert, Teresa Torres, and Soraya L. Trauner.

Welcome and Call to Order

Secretary Treasurer Mr. Erik Zagorac called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

ICOIL Board Members and Guests recited the Pledge-of-Allegiance

Roll Call

ICOIL Members in attendance included: Erik Zagorac, Peter Ciancone, Bonnie Bomer, Al Piening, Peri Rogowski, and Thomas Hayes. Jama Gonzalez arrived shortly after the meeting began.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Zagorac asked for approval of the agenda.

ICOIL Member Peter Ciancone made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for ICOIL and ICOIL, Inc. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Zagorac stated that he thought this addition was a conflict-of-interest.

Mr. Zagorac then asked ICOIL Meeting Guest George Getz to serve as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Mr. Ciancone asked for discussion on the motion.

Mr. Zagorac expressed that he had been threatened twice – once by Mr. Ciancone and once by an Attorney.

Mr. Ciancone stated that the Secretary of State had made it quite clear about ICIOL and ICOIL, Inc.

Mr. Zagorac ruled the motion out-of-order.

Mr. Ciancone stated for the record that he did not want to withdraw his motion.

Please note: Discussion continued under “Approval of the Minutes”.

Approval of the Minutes

Discussion began concerning the minutes. Mr. Zagorac stated that he will forward the meeting sign-in sheet and will work with VR staff so that attendees' names can be added to the March minutes.

ICOIL Member Bonnie Bomer asked that her name be added to the March 11th Minutes.

Mr. Zagorac asked all in attendance to sign-in for today's meeting.

After some discussion Mr. Ciancone stated that this was a substantial document and that ICOIL members hadn't had time to review the fifteen (15) pages that they received upon arrival at today's meeting.

Discussion then began concerning the Resource Budget and Fiscal Information that Ms. Peri Rogowski sent to Chairperson Hawker and Mr. Zagorac via E-mail. Ms. Rogowski offered to resend the information to Mr. Zagorac as he did not have copies to share with the council.

After various comments about ICOIL and ICOIL, Inc., Mr. Ciancone stated that ICOIL was established in 1999 and that it has been a Governor-appointed council. He continued by stating that the state will not have a conflict-of-interest concerning ICOIL and ICOIL, Inc.

After considerable discussion, disagreement, and a suggested motion to adjourn the meeting - it was moved and seconded to table further discussion concerning an MOU between ICOIL and ICOIL, Inc. until the June ICOIL Meeting - pending legal advice. Motion carried.

Discussion continued about approval of the Minutes. When asked where the minutes came from, Mr. Zagorac stated that Jody Vaughn, a staff member of Everybody Counts, wrote the minutes for him.

A motion to accept the minutes failed. It was stated that - in the first paragraph on page 9 of the minutes - that Mr. Bisbecos was not in attendance at the meeting.

Council members generally agreed to move-on with other agenda items.

New Council Business

Proposed Bi-Law Changes – Mr. Ciancone proceeded to summarize Bi-law changes that he had provided to ICOIL members in February, and discussed with members in March.

Mr. Zagorac stated that this fell under the same category and suggested seeking legal counsel.

Mr. Ciancone then moved to table the proposed Bi-Law changes until legal counsel was available. Mr. Ciancone stated that he would assure that this is back

on the June agenda. Some council members emphasized needing consultation with an FSSA Attorney.

Ms. Rogowski stated that this would be considered if the request for FSSA legal counsel was stated in writing.

It was moved and seconded to seek FSSA legal counsel. Motion carried. Mr. Ciancone will send the request to Ms. Rogowski.

Timothy Beatty Letter Regarding Non-Compliance of ICOIL – Copies of the letter weren't available to Council Members, therefore, the council agreed to move this agenda item to the June meeting.

Action Plan to Address Compliance – This agenda item will be moved to the June meeting.

Recommendations for New Council Members – Discussion began about appointments to the council. Some suggestions have been sent to the governor for his consideration. A brief statement was made about being embarrassed to recommend anyone to serve on the council.

Recommendations for Finalized 704 Report – Ms. Rogowski shared that ICOIL Chairperson Leslie Hawker signed the 704 Report last week.

Review Goals and Objectives of the Current SILC Plan - Mr. Zagorac was asked about state plan information. He did not have access to the information for council members due to the illness of Chairperson Hawker.

Training for ICOIL Members – Various education resources were discussed including online training and conferences. It was suggested that ICOIL members discuss this with Chairperson Hawker.

Name Recognition of IL, SILC, & CILs – ICOIL members were not sure of the intent of Chairperson Hawker concerning this topic. Consequently, they generally agreed to move to the next agenda item.

Organizing Planning Groups for the New State Plan

Mr. Ciancone volunteered to chair the Planning Committee. Other volunteers for the Planning Committee included Dr. Piening, Ms. Gonzalez, and Mr. Zagorac.

Update & Report from the Designated State Unit Representative

Ms. Peri Rogowski shared that the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) has been working on a new rate reform rule. She encouraged those interested to read the proposed rule and to share their thoughts. The Public Hearing is scheduled for May 15th. Ms. Rogowski suggested that those interested access the Website for more information.

Updates, Reports, and Comments

Communication and Collaboration (Live Streaming) – Mr. Zagorac stated that the meeting was currently being Live Streamed.

Council Education Meetings – Chairperson Hawker may want to address this at a future meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Mr. Zagorac did not have a report. Ms. Rogowski will resend the reporting information to him.

Update: Centers for Independent Living – No Centers for Independent Living reports were presented.

Public Comments – No public comments were stated.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Zagorac adjourned the meeting.

Please note: Sign-in sheets were not available for developing and writing the meeting notes. Please let us know and please accept our apologies if we inadvertently left your name off of the meeting notes.
